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Subject: 1978 prices

Tom wrote:

>From: n5off@w5ddl.aara.org
>Subject: Prices New, 1978
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>I was paging through a magazine I had in my desk entitled
>Popular Electronics Communications Handbook, 1978
>It is a comprehensive guide to comm equipment.
>Get some of these prices:
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>Collins 651S1 \$10,257 (ouch)

While I was at NMO (US Coast Guard Radio Honolulu) *this*
was what was used exclusively (I'd forgotten the number). A solid
state boatanchor (!) - digital readout to 100 Hz (this was in
1978 recall), 50 kc to 30 Mc coverage through either spinning
the dial or setting the 1 and 10 Mc digits.

Let's count how many of these we had: The 500 kc MF CW position
had two of them (the top one was locked to 500.0), HF CW had
8 of them, the Chief's console had two, Voice Distress had 4 with
one locked on 2182.0 kc (MF SSB calling and distress), air-to-
ground had 4, HF Voice and RTTY position had 4, Fleet Broadcast
had 2. That's a total of 26. Oops, forgot the ET's had a bunch
in the back room with the crypto gear.

If you figure that each of the radio stations had that many, plus
the smaller boat stations each had at least one, that might explain
why the Coast Guard chose Air Force shirts and Marine Corps pants
as its uniform (no money left in the budget!)

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Subject: A Maryland hamfest

Today (Sunday, Oct. 16) was an excellant day for a hamfest:

Cool but sunny and warming rapidly. I decided I should avoid further sleep deprivation, so I slept in just a bit and didn't arrive until 8:00am (the official opening time, not that you could tell). at the Columbia ARA hamfest at Howard County, Maryland.

This is a nice medium sized hamfest. It takes a couple of hours to get around, then there is time to go back and make deals or just talk to folks. As usual I didn't take very extensive notes, but here are a few items sighted:

Multi-Elmac AF-67 with homebrew PS \$40.

I thought this would go fairly quickly but it was still there the second time I went by. Don't know if it sold or not.

Beckman 905 WWV receiver \$25.

This looked fairly clean and was gone by the second time I went past.

Heath HG-10 \$55

That sounds just a bit high.

3-6Mc Command set receiver, with tubes, moderately clean
\$20

Motorola high-band console base station \$25

I think this had the "G" series strips in it. The guy said it worked.

Hallicrafters S-55 \$5

This is an AM/FM broadcast set. I didn't get a close look at it, but it seemed to have parts missing.

Tektronix 1L10 \$100

This is a spectrum analyzer plug-in. I think this is for HF.

Drake T4X-C \$250

Motorola HF amplifier \$500

This looked very clean. Covered 2-25 MHz. It did appear to be for single channel commercial use. Had 3 4CX400s (or 4CX???). With PS in Motorola cabinet.

There were other items that I didn't check prices on: HQ-100, SB-401, SB-301, HW-101 (\$255 I think),

Overall, not very big on hollow-state stuff. But there is always more

than I need at any hamfest. There are at least 4-5 things on this list that would have gone home with me if my apartment wasn't already full of future projects.

Gary

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Hi,
I have been attempting to subscribe to this list for the last couple of months. Since I have heard nothing, I assume my attempts have been in vain. I have been sending my requests to:

boatanchors-request@gnu.ai.mit.edu

Is this the right address? If it is, how do I follow up?

TIA

Regards,

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